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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed September 21, 2000 and is accompanied by five month Petition for Extension of Time, making this a timely response.

### In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-42.

Please add the following new claims:

43. A method of determining the identification of a nucleotide at a detection position in a target sequence comprising:

a) providing a first hybridization complex comprising:

i) a first target sequence;